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THE CHICAGO ELECTION

The Election Commission Finds a Judge that Breaks Open Sealed Ballot Boxes.

The Italian Government Building More Cruisers—Report that our Minister has been Ordered from Rome.

CHICAGO, April 11.—The board of election commissioners met today for the purpose of taking up the canvass of votes cast at the city election Tuesday.

The board proceeded to hear evidence in the matter of the alleged misconduct of Dennis Sheehan one of the democratic judges of election. Harris, one of the republican judges, testified to Sheehan breaking into the box after it had been locked and sealed.

Sheehan testified that the whole trouble arose from the fact of wanting to run things to suit himself and did not propose to let democratic judges have any voice in the matter. He admitted that he broke the box with a hammer but he said it was with no intention of fraud.

The investigation was then laid over until after the completion of the canvass. In the meantime Sheehan was released on bail.

The board then turned its attention to the canvass of votes, after going over the first ward subject to revision of certain precincts, which was objected to, the board adjourned until Monday morning.

The result in this was canvassed showed a loss of twenty by Cregier, of five by Washburn, and two by Harrison.

MOB LAW IN OHIO.

A Gang of Villains Take a Weak-Kinded Man from Jail and Hang Him.

KENTON, Ohio, April 10.—A mob of about 100 men hanged William Bates this morning. The men assembled about 10 o'clock at the door of the county jail and battered it in and about 72 men entered. The sheriff was overpowered and Bates was taken from his cell. He begged piteously for mercy but the men were resolute.

The mob was an orderly one and did no further damage.

Bates and two accomplices on the night of March 3d, murdered W. Ward Harper a policeman who was trying to arrest Bates. His accomplices Lake and Noel were not molested. Bates was not considered strong mentally.

ROAD FOR MISSOURI.

Haltions as Large as Hen's Eggs Break Windows and Do Other Damage.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., April 10.—The severest hailstorm in ten years raged yesterday. Windows were broken by the hundreds. Haltions as big as hen's eggs fell in large quantities. Many persons have received severe bruises.

A cyclone is reported to have passed over Nevada, Missouri, and Sandoval, Kansas, last night and several buildings were blown down. Nobody has been reported killed.

AGAIN THE RAILROAD.

A Decision Which Takes Half a Million From the Railroad.

HELENA, April 10.—In the United States circuit court an opinion was handed down by Judge Knowles in the case of the Northern Pacific Railroad vs. C. W. Cannon et al. involving title to land to the value of over half a million within the city limits of Helena which the railroad claimed as part of its land grant. The decision virtually determines the case in Cannon's favor.

BEST NOT STIR IT UP.

Farnell's Private Secretary Sues a Paper for Libel.

CORVALLIS, April 10.—Henry Campbell, private secretary to Farnell, has entered action for libel against R. S. Nagle, proprietor of the *Corvallis Herald*, and Alderman John Hooper, lately editor of that paper for charging that he procured houses for the meeting of Farnell and Mrs. O'Shea.

A Bold Rush for Liberty.

LEBANON, Mo., April 10.—At 2 o'clock this morning Wm. Skaggs at United States prisoner en route to the Columbus, Ohio, penitentiary escaped from the car by jumping through a window on the "cannon ball" train while the train was moving at a rapid rate. No trace of him has been discovered.

Charged With Arson.

DALLAS, Tex., April 10.—Henry Kuhlman, proprietor of the Georgia hotel which was burned a few days ago in which James McCallister was burned to death and several others seriously injured, was arrested today charged with having fired the building.

Presidential Appointments.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The President appointed Edward T. Hatch collector of customs for Alaska.

James P. Busbee was appointed special agent to allot lands in severality to the confederated lands of the Cayuse, Walla Walla and Umatilla Indians.

PRESIDENTS WARNING.

All Sealers Must Keep Out of Behring Sea.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The president has issued the following proclamation: "The following provisions of the laws of the United States are hereby published for the information of all concerned: Section 1956, revised statutes, chapter 33, title 23, reads that no person shall kill any other, mink, marten, sable or fur seal, or other fur-bearing animal within the limits of Alaska territory or within the waters thereof, and any person guilty thereof, shall for each offense be fined not less than \$200 nor more than \$1000, or imprisoned not more than six months, or both, and vessels, their tackle, apparel, furniture, and cargo, found engaged in violation of this section shall be forfeited, but the secretary of the treasury shall have power to authorize the killing of any such mink, otter, marten, sable or other fur-bearing animal except fur seals, under such regulations as he may prescribe, and shall be the duty of the secretary to prevent the killing of any fur seal and to provide for the execution of the provisions of this section until it is otherwise provided by law; nor shall he grant any special privilege under the section."

Section 3 of the act entitled, "An act to provide for the protection of salmon and salmon fisheries in Alaska," approved March 2, 1889, provides that section 1956 of the revised statutes is hereby declared to include and apply to all persons of the United States and to the waters of Behring sea, and it shall be the duty of the president at a timely season in each year to issue his proclamation to enforce the same to be published for one month at least in one newspaper (if any such there be) published at each United States port of entry on the Pacific coast, warning all persons against entering such waters for the purpose of violating the provisions of said section, and he shall cause one or more cruises and patrol vessels to be employed, their tackle, their apparel, furniture and cargo will be seized and forfeited.

PITTSBURG, April 11.—The proposed strike for the adoption of an eight hour day to be ordered three weeks hence is the chief topic of discussion in industrial circles. About 150,000 men will be affected. There are not that number of men engaged in mining coal, but that number will take part in the demands. It is threatened that the strike will more directly affect the states of Pennsylvania and Ohio.

WILL DEFEND THE OLD FLAG.

Uster County Veterans to Punish its Defenders.

KORBOUT, N. Y., April 11.—Pratt Post G. A. R. today appointed a committee to investigate the recent Italian outrage at Le Severe Falls, where several Italians engaged in a centenary hoisted the American flag and riddled it with bullets in retaliation of the New Orleans tragedy. Uster county veterans are determined if possible to bring these men to justice.

NEW YORK'S ITALIAN PAPER.

Its Comments Upon the Latest Dispatches From Rome.

NEW YORK, April 11.—*Le Cod Italia* has the following editorial: "It is now nearly a month since the Italian government sent its first note to the cabinet at Washington, asking for equitable and immediate reparation for the Italian citizens cruelly murdered in New Orleans. Harrison and Blaine, before our minister, who brought them the formal and peremptory note of Massimo Rudini, shed, in an admirable diet of Americanized buffoonery, tears of sorrow on the poor victims; but they gave no other satisfaction than presidential and ministerial promises. But the treacherous tears, those of the American minister, included, are not current in the Italian market. The next cunning Blaine, having once dried up his obligatory tears, thought that the facts of the New Orleans affair could be settled in an easy and friendly manner. But the New Orleans outrage could not be so lightly put aside. The slaughter at New Orleans and behavior of the Washington government have raised in all European circles an awful indignation. Can the States signed treaties with us, but when occasion came to put them into action they said they were bound by private engagements to their states. Can the ambiguity and violation of government last? All Europe has backed the note of Massimo Rudini. A recent cable dispatch has proved to the American government that the Italian minister is not joking, and that it is quite equal to the occasion in this emergency. The United States must learn that to hold a position amongst civilized nations it is not enough to have millions of dollars, but it is necessary as a first condition, sine qua non, to be honest."

NEWS FROM ANTONIA.

The Second Day's Salmon Catch in the Columbia.

ASTORIA, Or., April 11.—The second day of fishing showed up a little better than the first day, but the result was far from satisfactory to most of the fishermen. The boats in the bay below the city came in empty-handed, but those from up the river sent in a very fair catch. The high boat at Kinney's cannery had sixty-two fish, but several of the boats came in without a fish, and very few of them had more than five or six. At Booth's high boat they had forty-two fish, but the average was less than five to the boat. Eighteen and one-half salmon for high boat, with one for low boat, was the record at George & Barker's, and the other canneries reported much the same success. A prominent member of the Fishermen's Union said that the reason for good catches on the Oregon side above Astoria was that the men had started out two or three days before the beginning of the season and had a supply on hand when it started. It was hoped that the catches would be no heavier up above than they were in the bay in front of the city and down below as soon as the surplus fish caught illegally were sent in. The traps in Baker's bay are not catching many fish and the present indications are that the April pack will be a light one. There was a big fleet of boats out this morning and it looked like old times, but the rain came muddling for home after low water slack.

Heavy Damages Asked.

SEATTLE, April 11.—W. W. Beck, who was sixteenth in the race for \$175,000 cash toward subsidizing a flouring mill for Ravenna Park station, north of this city, brought suit in the superior court today for the damages against the Revanna Milling Company, charging it with fraud and false representation. The mill company agreed to erect a mill within the city limits from November 2 with a capacity of grinding 200 barrels of flour daily. Beck says he was basely swindled, and gave his money and lots believing the representation made him by the Revanna Mill Company were true, but no mill has yet been built, and all is a myth.

Its Mails are Assorted.

NEW YORK, April 9.—The German steamer *Havel* arrived this morning with mail numbering 52,500 pieces already assorted and ready to be sent out by carriers. The mail was assorted on the way over by the ocean post office, assisted by the German postal clerk, and the *Havel* is the first steamer to bring mail under the recent postal agreements between this country and Germany.

IN THE COKE REGION.

The Convention Still in Session—1000 Men Want to Go to Work.

MT. PLEASANT, April 11.—Much uneasiness prevails among the cokers today. It was expected that yesterday's convention would settle the strike, but a resolution to continue the fight had a depressing effect. The convention is still in session and hopes are entertained that a compromise will be effected. The Eighteenth regiment left for home today leaving the Tenth regiment on duty.

One thousand men are ready to return to work next week. The arrest of rioters is still going on. At least 200 informations are out and over 100 arrests made.

NOT GENERALLY BELIEVED.

A Report that the Italian Government Has Ordered Our Minister Away.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—It is impossible to secure any information that tends to confirm the report from Rome that the Italian government is about to order our minister away.

CONTRACT LABORERS BEING BROUGHT TO THE UNITED STATES.

CHICAGO, April 13.—Special immigration agent Lester, of Springfield, arrived here today. He is preparing a voluminous report for secretary Foster. "I have just returned from Omaha," said he, "and I can promise you a big sensation in the course of ten days. I have been making investigations there and have evidence that the contract alien labor law has been, and is being grossly violated. It will be a big sensation."

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No Present Indication that Minister Porter Will be Sent Away From Rome.

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A MEXICAN STAMPEDE.

Three Hundred Kansas Settlers Go There to Locate.

ABILENE, Kan., April 13.—Another large party leaves for the west coast of Mexico tonight. Others will join them in western Kansas and 300 in all will make the trip. They take their entire possessions. A company of 300 that were last fall are digging ditches in the interior. They are still living on provisions taken with them.

FITZSIMMONS IN LUCK.

Joe Harris, the Backer of Hall, Withdraws His Challenge.

DENVER, April 13.—The following telegram was received here last night from San Francisco: "I withdraw my offer to back Hall against Fitzsimmons as Hall has proved unreliable. Leave for Australia by the next steamer." (Signed) Joe Harris.

Curtis May Have Been Murdered.

PORTLAND, Or., April 13.—Considerable mystery surrounds the death of John Curtis, the bar-keeper who was found dead in his room in East Portland. At first they thought Curtis had committed suicide but later developments indicated that he was foully dealt with. A coroner's jury is now in session.

A Railroad Accident.

PITTSBURG, Penn., April 13.—The westbound passenger train for Cleveland, Ohio, ran into a landslide at Vancort, Penn., twenty-five miles west of here early this morning derailing the locomotive, baggage and mail cars. The engineer and fireman were so badly injured that they will die. Others are only slightly hurt.

A Pioneer Gold Hunter Gone to Rest.

SALEM, April 13.—Wm. J. Herron, one of Marion county's pioneers, died of la grippe this morning at 9 o'clock at his home in this city, aged sixty-seven years. He came to Oregon in 1845. He was the finder of gold in Eastern Oregon in 1845 which created such a great mining excitement.

The Chicago Election.

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A \$400,000 New Jersey Fire.

ELIZABETH, N. J., April 13.—The principal business block of this city, the Arcade building, owned by Amor Clark and occupied by the Post Office, First National Bank and a number of stores was burned today. The loss is estimated at \$400,000.

Manager Holcomb Resigns.

OMAHA, Neb., April 13.—Assistant General Manager Holcomb of the Union Pacific has resigned and will be succeeded by E. Dickinson, recently with the B. & O., at once.

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NEW YORK, April 13.—A Washington special says: "The letter from secretary Blaine to Premier Rudini has not yet been sent, according to the best advices, from the department of state."

A MEXICAN CYCLONE.

Haltions Batter a Railroad Train and Kill a Mexican.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 13.—Two sleeping coaches running between the city of Mexico, San Antonio and Washington, D. C., via the Mexican National road, reached here in a dilapidated condition. The train to which they were attached passed through a cyclone and hail storm near Tavnone, Mexico, Saturday night. So large were the hail stones that the headlight of the engine and every pane of glass on one side of the train of cars was smashed. The roofs were battered so hard that not a particle of paint remained. Several persons in the day coaches were injured and a Mexican at Tavnone was killed. Passengers say that the cyclone must have created great havoc.

A SENSATION PROMISED.

Contract Laborers Being Brought to the United States.

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THE BEST ROUTE FOR THE PORTAGE.

The report which appeared in yesterday's *Oregonian* of the several possible routes for a portage road between The Dalles and Celilo which seems to have been considered by the open river convention which has just met in Portland has been read by the *Chronicle* with very great pleasure. If the calculations made of the cost of these several routes are to be depended on; if they are based on any competent authority, as the *Oregonian* affirms them to be, then they but confirm what we have said all along, namely, that the cost of a road on the Oregon side of the river with its thousands of advantages, will not exceed by any great amount the cost of one on the Washington side. The report says: "The cost of a railroad over, under and alongside the existing line from the navigable waters at, or a little east of Dalles City to Celilo, from which point the river is navigable for 300 miles to Lewiston, and 200 miles to Priest Rapids, would be, according to various careful examinations, \$500,000."

There is a wide difference between this estimate, based on "various careful examinations," and that which roused the dormant sympathy of Mr. McCoy for the taxpayers of the state forthwith when he entered into the railroad combination that defeated the Raley bill. Nor will the *Chronicle* be surprised if examinations, still more carefully made result in proving that a road can be built on the Oregon side at a cost, every thing considered, lower than that by any other way.

The road from Columbus to Crate's Point which Paul Mohr would like to sell, is estimated to cost \$500,000. But the eight miles of track between Columbus and Celilo, on which the Paul Mohr company have spent all their labor of construction and which they now desire to sell, is of no more use to the new corporation than is a fifth wheel to a wagon. A road from Celilo to Crate's point is estimated to cost \$350,000; but Paul Mohr already owns the right way and it is now said that the price he would certainly demand for this right is included in the estimate. Be this as it may there is something ominous in the announcement that the estimate of \$350,000 for a road from Celilo to Crate's point will be "experienced railroad men." We have not a doubt of it. A road on the Washington side that would have its western terminal at Crate's Point, a road that would leave out in the cold a city that handles an annual freightage of 153,000 tons, a road that would require cost of ferrage for perhaps double that amount would suit "experienced railroad men" amazingly. Every consideration calls for the portage on the Oregon side. The freight handled by the countries adjacent to the Washington side is now and ever will be a mere trifle compared with that of the Oregon side. This consideration alone, even if the road should cost \$150,000 more, should settle the matter of its location. The country adjacent to the Oregon side and for which the Columbia river is the natural outlet extends from one to two hundred miles into the interior, and the producing capacity of this vast territory is but in its infancy. The Dalles has an easy grade to water level and wharfage and all other facilities to which those of no other possible terminus bear any comparison.

Now that a portage road around the obstructions at The Dalles seems assured it behooves the people of this city to bend every effort to have it placed on the Oregon side of the river. The advantages that The Dalles would reap by having this city the western terminus of the road are too apparent to require mention. The managers of the new corporation will, however, look upon the place of location in a purely business light, and the mere question of a little extra cost will not likely get my important figures. We are by no means satisfied that a road could not be built as cheaply or nearly so on this side of the Columbia as on the Washington side. Be this as it may we must not quietly acquiesce in its location on the other side till we have satisfied ourselves that its location in Oregon is impracticable. Apart however from any advantages The Dalles might receive from its location here there are many other considerations that might be urged. It is essentially an Oregon scheme. It will be built largely by Oregon money and Eastern Oregon will always contribute more to its support than Washington, because it has more to contribute. As we have before suggested a branch line running to Wasco in Sherman county to a point still farther south would absolutely control the entire traffic of the magnificent agricultural country of Sherman, while the road now being surveyed from this city to the Fossil gold fields will tap a timber, agricultural and stock country of immense territory and resources. These two roads together with the portage from this city to Biggs or Grant's as might be found most convenient would make a system that would undoubtedly pay from the moment of its existence and would itself warrant the whole proposed outlay of two millions if no other territory ever contributed a pound of freight.

AN IMPORTANT MEETING.

It is no exaggeration to say that the meeting which closed its proceedings yesterday at Portland was the most important event that ever happened in the history of that city and the whole inland Empire. The business men and capitalists of Portland have at last awakened to the realization of the fact that Portland's commercial supremacy depends upon an open river to the sea; and that city has volunteered to contribute a million and a half to accomplish this object. A transportation company has already been incorporated with a capital stock of two million dollars divided into eighty thousand shares at twenty-five dollars

each. As at present outlined it will be emphatically a people's transportation company and the fact that the shares are placed at so low a price will draw them within the reach of men of limited means. Thus what Eastern Oregon has so long prayed for seems at last within our grasp. When hopes deferred made the heart sick with impatience how often was it said: "When Portland wants an open river we shall have it and not till then." Portland wants it now beyond a question, and we shall have it beyond a reasonable doubt. It is no time for re-cremination but for congratulation and an open river is none the less welcome because Portland's necessity has become our opportunity. Henceforth Portland's interests will be ours and her commercial supremacy our glory and her success our pride.

CULPABLE IGNORANCE.

Five objections are urged against the defunct charter bill. The first is, "It curtailed the power of the mayor." Well, if that power ought to be curtailed the bill was so far right. The city has a lively recollection of a fight in which the mayor stood out against the whole council, with disastrous and expensive results. Just now there is a dead lock in the city of Spokane. The mayor wants to nominate his wife and the council refuses to confirm and they are having a repetition of the "monkey and parrot" time we had here. Has nobody on earth any rights except a mayor? Has the council no rights? Have the people none? Are not the peoples' interests as safe in the hands of five men as they are in one?

The second objection is, "It (the bill) gave power to the council to incur any indebtedness without submitting the question to tax payers." The statement is false and only proves that Mr. Michell does not understand what he is talking about. The bill did not give the council the power to incur any indebtedness. A maximum amount was named beyond which the council could not go and the water bill provided that a careful estimate should be made and only such indebtedness incurred as would be actually required to finish the work. The question of submitting the required amount to the approval of the tax payers was an expensive and useless farce. The city owed the water fund the greater portion of the money required. The water commissioners could have recovered the amount due the water fund by an action at law. Under the circumstances there was as much propriety in submitting the question to a vote of the taxpayers as there would be in asking them to vote on a question of paying their lawful debts. In fact such is the vote taken in this city today. The question really is, shall we bond the city to raise a fund to finish the water works, but shall we bond the city to pay a debt the city already owes to the water fund. Under these circumstances the vote was a useless waste of time and money.

The third objection is, "the bill gave power to remove any officer elected or appointed by the body, without the privilege of trial or being heard in his own defense." Section 38 reads thus: "Any officer elected or appointed by the council may at any time be temporarily removed" etc. This has no reference to the mayor, councilmen, recorder or city marshal. These officers could only be removed by proceedings substantially the same "as in any civil action in the circuit court of this state." But officers appointed by the council might be removed by the council. This is a principle of common law, and is recognized everywhere. The *Times-Mountain* would give out the impression, and it is so believed by many, that the mayor was in danger; that the council could summarily dispose him without preferring charges. Such is not the case. The powers of the council in matters of removal from office were defined, and had the bill become a law the city would never again be placed in the predicament of having entered on an impeachment of its mayor without, as the mayor himself pleaded, any authority in the charter by which to impeach.

The fourth objection we have referred to already. There is not a fair-minded man living capable of believing that the present ward division of the city is a fair one. The objection to the division suggested by the bill is the objection of a damagogue or a fourth rate ward politician. The last objection is that "the bill would have become a law without being submitted to the will of the people." This would have been had indeed. The waterworks would in that case have been finished in double quick, and this would never do. The writer enrolled and read quite a number of charter bills when he was a "cheap committee clerk" and he does not remember any that had to be submitted to the people before it could become a law, unless a question of indebtedness was involved, and we have already shown the absurdity of voting on a question of paying a debt already contracted.

The man McCormick, who lately figured in the shooting scrape at the Cascades, has skipped out—the very best thing he could have done next to taking his own worthless life. The Cascadians were kind enough to raise a subscription for him last Wednesday and next morning he was *non est*. The only person on earth that regrets his departure is Dr. Candiana, and he would have been glad too if McCormick had not forgotten to pay his doctor bill. The people of Wasco county extend their congratulations and thanks to the people of the Cascades.

Under date of April 12th on the register at the Umatilla House appears the following entry: "Miss Umatilla Morris, born today, see Dalles Evening *Chronicle*."

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